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Subject: Re: Passenger Profiling

Madams/Sirs,

I just finished reading an article describing the proposed FAA Passenger Profiling Rule. Like most Americans, I feel terrorism is a cowardly, immoral, despicable thing. This rule, however, will not curb terrorism. It will, however, greatly infringe on all of our constitutional rights of privacy, protection from unwarranted search and seizure, and our right to legal due course.

Simply, it is UNCONSTITUTIONAL. By using one's last name in the profiling algorithm, it proves to be racially and ethnically discriminatory. By using one's method of payment, it is fiscally discriminatory.

Perhaps one doesn't use a credit card because it already has a high balance? Suppose one uses cash so that the trip can be a surprise for his/her spouse (who would otherwise notice the charge on the bank statement)? By using previous travels, it violates our constitutional right to unfettered travel and free will; not to mention our rights against racial, religious, and ethnic discrimination. Suppose one's significant other is in the military, stationed overseas, and one wishes to periodically travel there to be with American family? Suppose one is Christian, Jewish, or Muslim, and travels to the Middle East for religious reasons?

True terrorists will setup misleading checking accounts and false names, with false travel histories to circumvent this algorithm. They will go unfettered, to continue their acts of terrorism while the innocent will be falsely accused by a government too big to fight. That is a sure recipe for tyranny! Didn't we create this country to put an end to tyranny?

The proper methods to fight terrorism are:

- 1) technological security behind the scenes: x-ray/etc. scans of baggage.
- 2) security at the terminals to notice suspicious behavior (not ethnic/religious/etc. differences).
- 3) security in the planes, so that if a terrorist does get onboard, he/she will not be the only "wolf among sheep".

Most of these methods are already in use, therefore the added methods present only a slight increase in airline cost, which probably can be used as a discount against insurance costs, so the real cost is closer to \$0.00. There will be a real deterrance factor with the onboard security, as the terrorist will have to figure that as soon as he/she shows him/herself as a terrorist, security will be on top of them. There will be a much smaller chance of "success".

Thank you for your time, and your prompt repeal of this proposed rule,

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